

# DRAGON MOSQUITO CONTROL

## SEPTEMBER 2018 UPDATE

September is a month of transition. We enjoy the last wonderful days of summer and it's fall before the month is over. Leaves are changing, pumpkins are on display and apples are ready for picking. It would be easy to forget about mosquitoes. Regrettably, mosquito-borne illnesses are most common in the fall.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) issued a public health threat declaration in southern New Hampshire for West Nile Virus (WNV). The highest number of mosquito batches in five years has tested positive for the virus. Increased disease activity has also been reported in Massachusetts, Vermont and Maine. The New Hampshire DHHS has identified **four batches of mosquitoes confirmed positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)** this season. The batches were found in the towns of Newton, Sandown and Manchester. DHHS assigns arboviral disease risk levels to all New Hampshire municipalities. Check the following link for your town's risk level at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/arboviral/documents/arbomap2018.pdf>. West Nile Virus has been detected in mosquitoes trapped in fourteen New Hampshire municipalities:

Candia	Londonderry	North Hampton	Sandown
Keene	Manchester	Portsmouth	Salem
Kensington	Nashua	Raymond	
Kingston	Newton	Rye	

Personal protection remains the best way to keep yourself safe. Continue taking steps to prevent being bitten by mosquitoes. Avoid being outside at dawn and dusk when possible. Use EPA-registered insect repellents found at <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents> and cover up by wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Check screens on windows and doors for holes where mosquitoes can enter your home. Dump water out of containers such as wheel barrows, buckets, trash barrels, tarps, boats, canoes, bird baths and any other manmade container every time it rains. More information is available at [www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/arboviral/](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/arboviral/) and on the Center for Disease Control website at <https://www.cdc.gov/westnile/>.

As the temperatures continue to drop here in New Hampshire, some mosquito species head indoors to hibernate in garages, barns, attics or even inside your home. Mosquito season won't end until we have a hard freeze or snow on the ground. Travelers be aware of the mosquitoes in the warm wonderful places you may visit this winter.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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